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SUBJECT: BELGIAN REQUEST FOR EXACUATION ASSISTANCE

1. FORNMINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET (NOTERDAEME) TOOK THE INITIATIVE THIS MORNING TO ACQUAINT US WITH SITUATION OF BELGIAN CITIZENS ON CYPRUS AND TO REQUEST WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EVACUATION THAT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.
2. NOTERDAEME SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 150 BELGIAN TOURISTS IN ISLAND, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION. THERE IS ONE HOLIDAY TOUR OF YOUNG BELGIAN WORKERS, NUMBERING 80, STAYING AT FAMAGUSTA. GROUP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEFT FOR HOME TODAY. LACKING COMMUNICATIONS TO ISLAND, BELGIAN GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONFIRM DEPARTURE.
3. NOTERDAEME SAID HE REALIZED THIS WAS SKIMPY INFORMATIONS, BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE U.S. WOULD - IN CARRYING OUT EVACUATION OPERATION - BEAR IN MIND BELGIANS ON THE ISLAND AND, IF FEASIBLE, ASSIST IN THEIR EVACUATION.
4. WE AGREE TO RELAY THIS INFORMATION AND REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT. NOTERDAEME WAS INFORMED THAT WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT OTHER THAN TO INSURE THAT THOSE IN CHARGE OF ANY EVACUATION OPERATION WOULD BE AWARE OF THE BELGIAN TOURIST SITUATION. NOTERDAEME SAID HE EXPECTED NO MORE AND APPRECIATED OUR RES-

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